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1. In May 1952, an A-1 aerial training device located at Zerbst (L52/D98) and assigned to FLP 40423 broke down, and the Russians at Zerbst were unable to put it back into working order. A Russian captain, one (fnu) Verbin, requested that VSB Optik Carl Zeiss, Jena, VSB, send technicians to Zerbst to repair the device. Zeiss sent Dr. Ernst Guyenot of its electrical department, (fnu) Lessing, who is an electrician, and Interpreter (fnu) Jahn.* The device was repaired on 21 May 1952 by replacing one faulty electric-motor with a motor from the spare parts kit belonging to the device. The faulty motor was taken to Zeiss for repair.
2. A general check of the device revealed that it was in good working condition, except for the faulty motor, after about 100 hours of use in the course of more than a year. Dr. Guyenot also stated that the Russian unit at Zerbst did not have the four-volume handbook on the A-1 aerial trainer which contains a description of the device and full instructions for its repair. Zeiss had delivered several hundred such handbooks to the Russians.

COMMENT: Guyenet is probably identical with Dr. Guyenet, who, in October 1950, was reported to be in charge of the electrical phase of construction of the A-1 device at Weiss.

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